

## In the Specification

Please amend the paragraph beginning at line 19 of page 1 of the application as follows:

Referring to Figure 2, an apparatus for dispensing powders is shown at 20 which comprises an elongate housing 12 made of an insulating material such as plastic. Housing 12 has a longitudinal axis 14 and defines a chamber 16 terminating in an outlet passageway 18 from which a mixture of gas and powder particles is expelled. A supply conduit opening or inlet 22 for introducing a powder-air mixture into the chamber 16 is located at an opposing end of housing 12. A high voltage pin electrode 24 is spaced upstream of the outlet passageway 18, a short distance, and a ground surface electrode 10 is located further upstream of the high voltage pin electrode 24. The high voltage pin electrode 24 includes one or more charging pins with the electrode aligned along the longitudinal axis 14 of housing 12.